

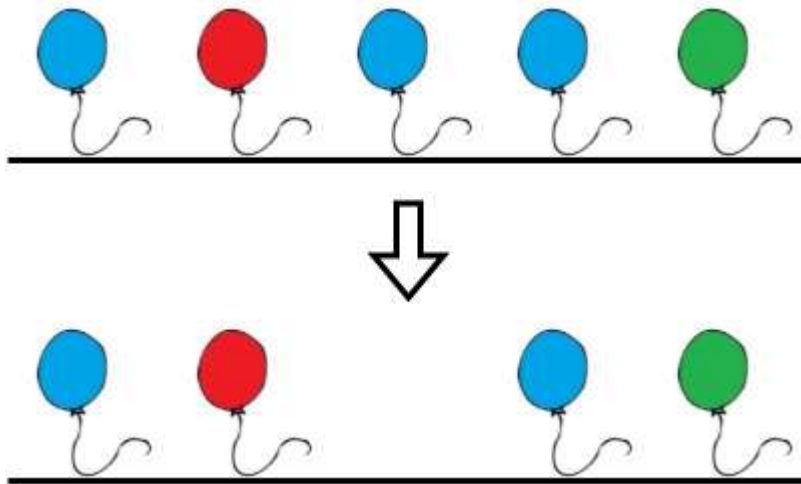
Minimum Time to Make Rope Colorful [\(View\)](#)

Alice has n balloons arranged on a rope. You are given a **0-indexed** string `colors` where `colors[i]` is the color of the i^{th} balloon.

Alice wants the rope to be **colorful**. She does not want **two consecutive balloons** to be of the same color, so she asks Bob for help. Bob can remove some balloons from the rope to make it **colorful**. You are given a **0-indexed** integer array `neededTime` where `neededTime[i]` is the time (in seconds) that Bob needs to remove the i^{th} balloon from the rope.

Return the **minimum time** Bob needs to make the rope **colorful**.

Example 1:



Input: `colors = "abaac"`, `neededTime = [1,2,3,4,5]`

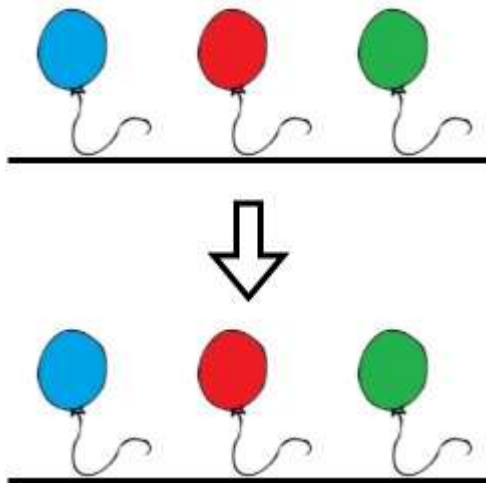
Output: 3

Explanation: In the above image, 'a' is blue, 'b' is red, and 'c' is green.

Bob can remove the blue balloon at index 2. This takes 3 seconds.

There are no longer two consecutive balloons of the same color. Total time = 3.

Example 2:

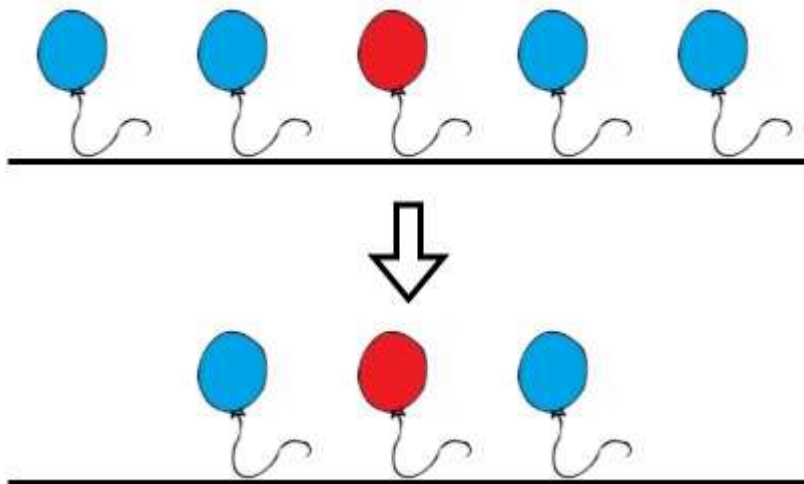


Input: colors = "abc", neededTime = [1,2,3]

Output: 0

Explanation: The rope is already colorful. Bob does not need to remove any balloons from the rope.

Example 3:



Input: colors = "aabaa", neededTime = [1,2,3,4,1]

Output: 2

Explanation: Bob will remove the balloons at indices 0 and 4. Each balloon takes 1 second to remove.

There are no longer two consecutive balloons of the same color. Total time = 1 + 1 = 2.

Constraints:

- `n == colors.length == neededTime.length`
- `1 <= n <= 105`
- `1 <= neededTime[i] <= 104`
- `colors` contains only lowercase English letters.